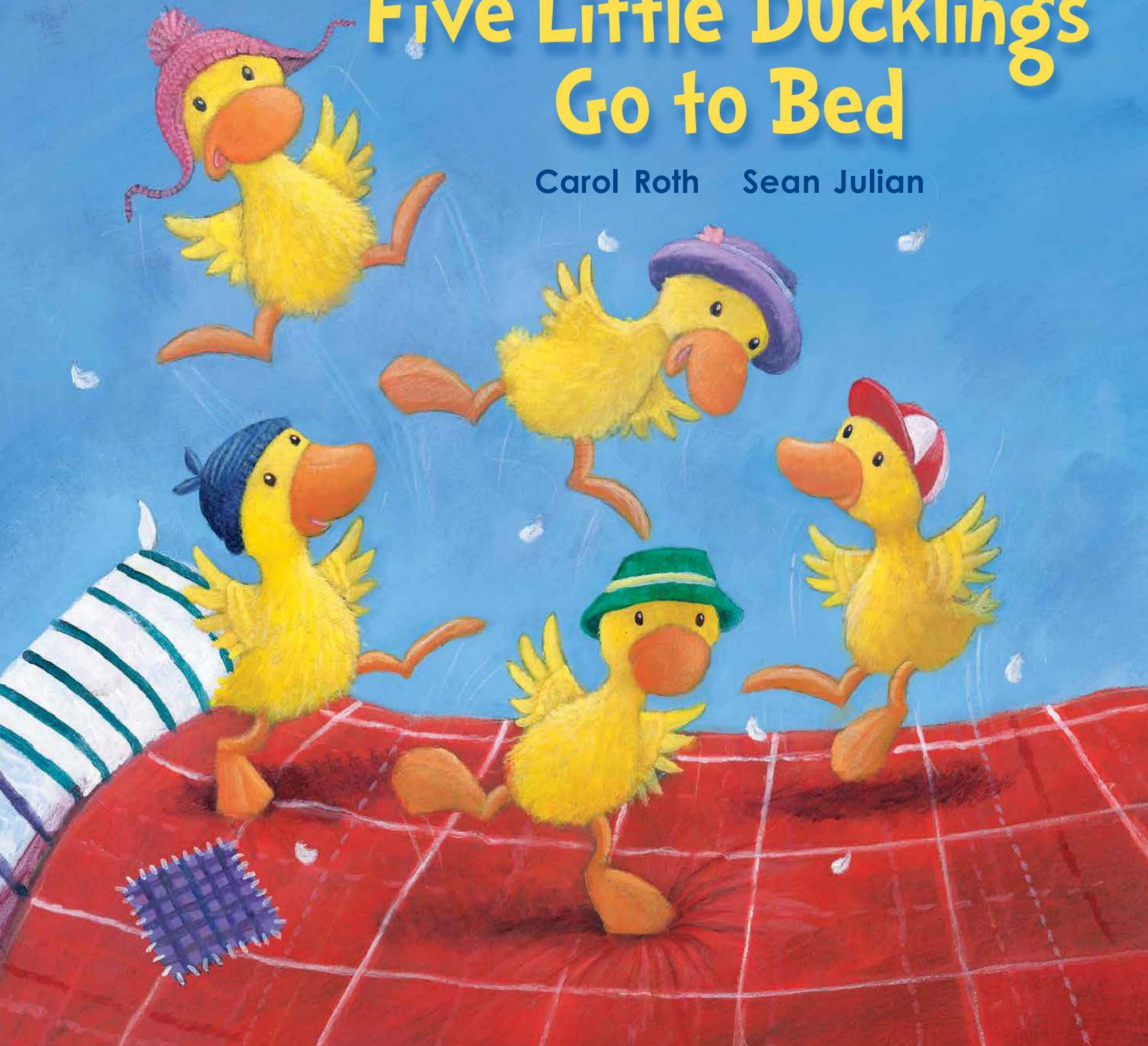


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For my wonderful sister, Nancy — C. R.

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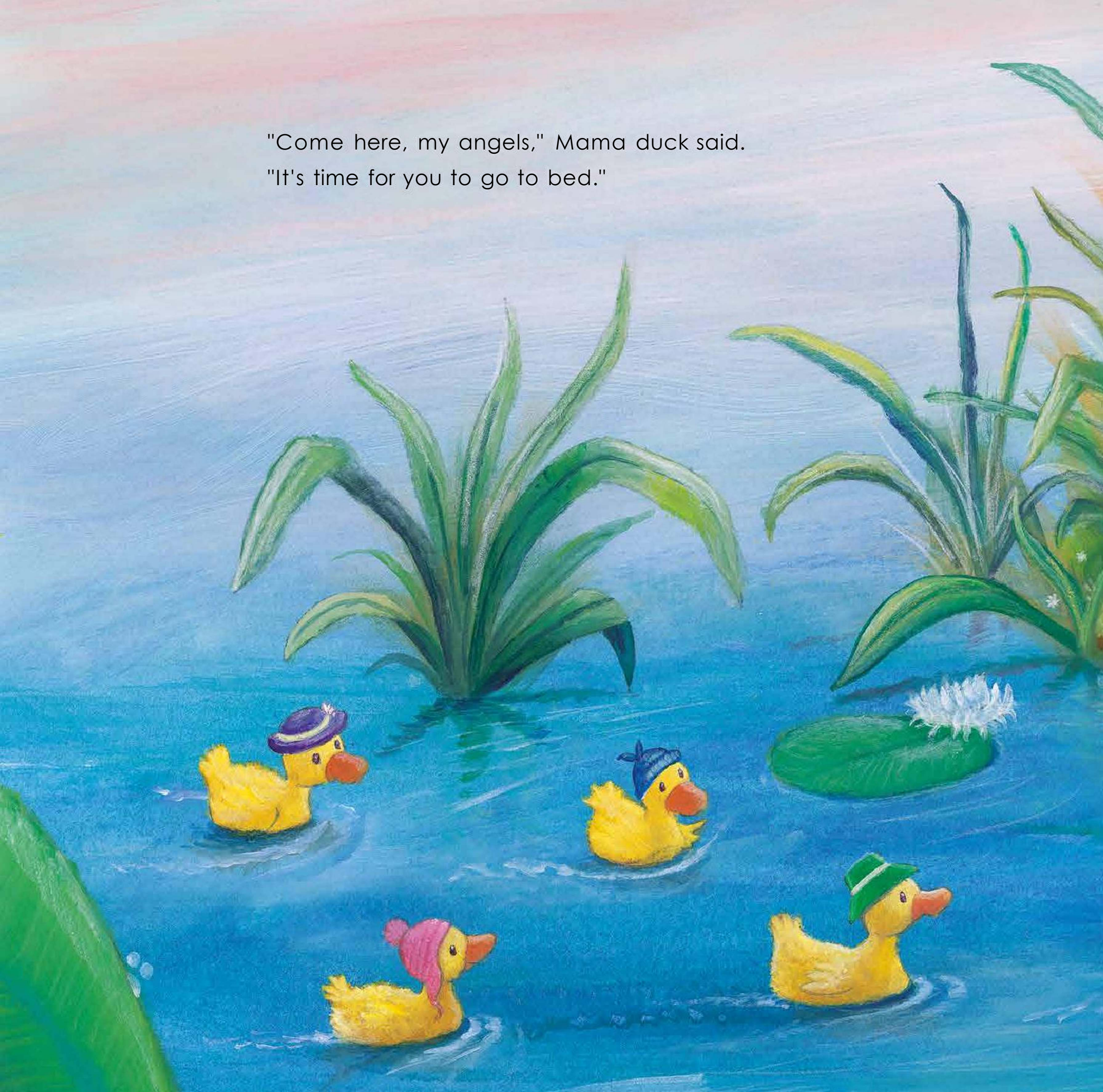
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"Come here, my angels," Mama duck said.  
"It's time for you to go to bed."











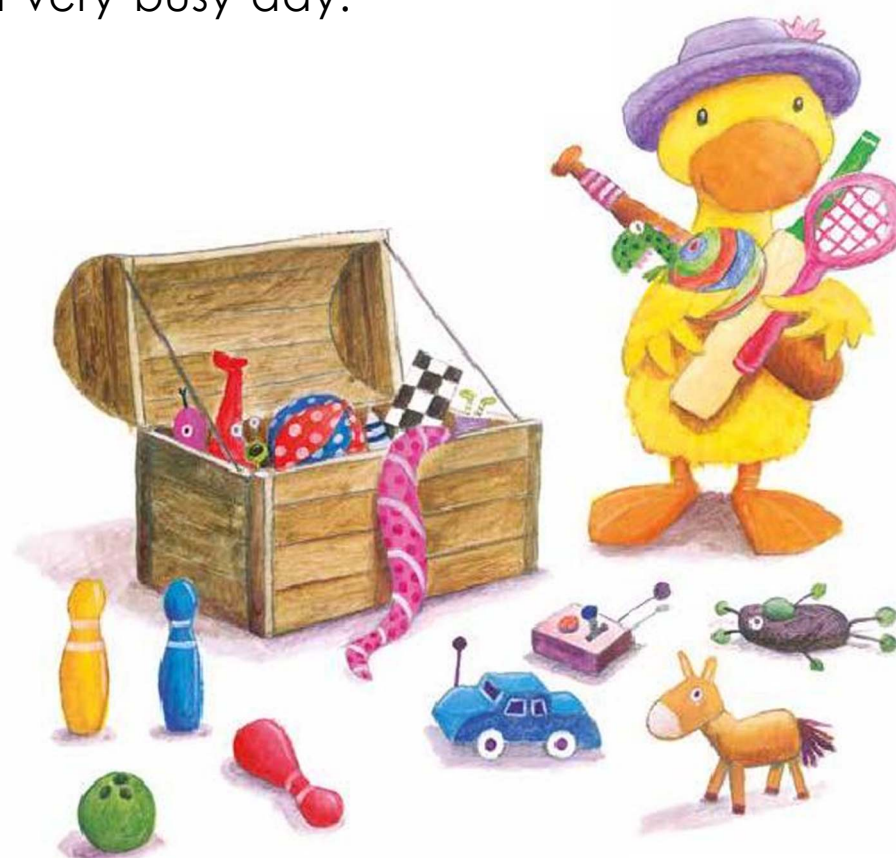
"Clean up your toys and lower the light,  
For soon we have to say good night."





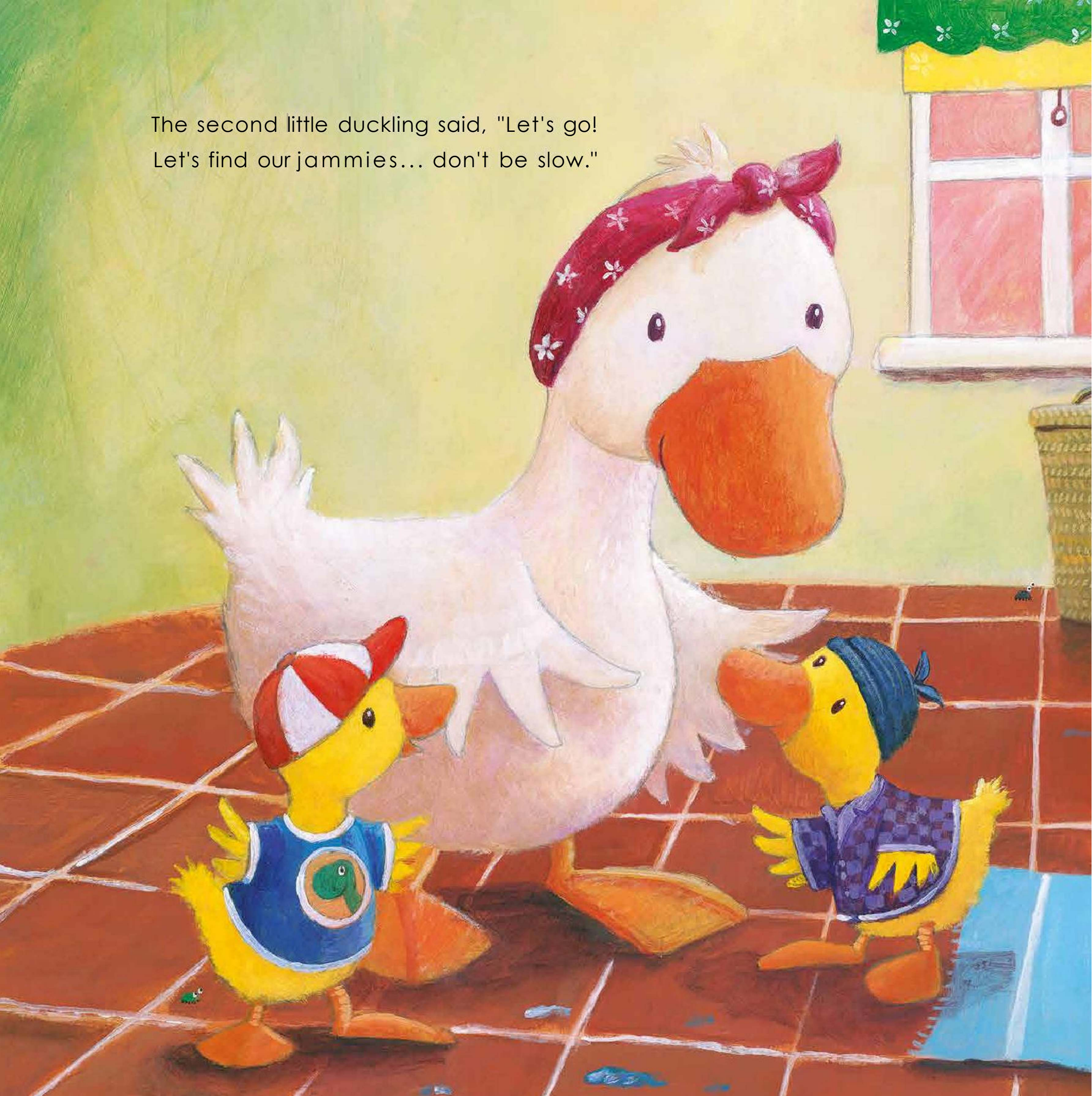


The first little duckling said, "Okay.  
It's been a very busy day."





The second little duckling said, "Let's go!  
Let's find our jammies... don't be slow."

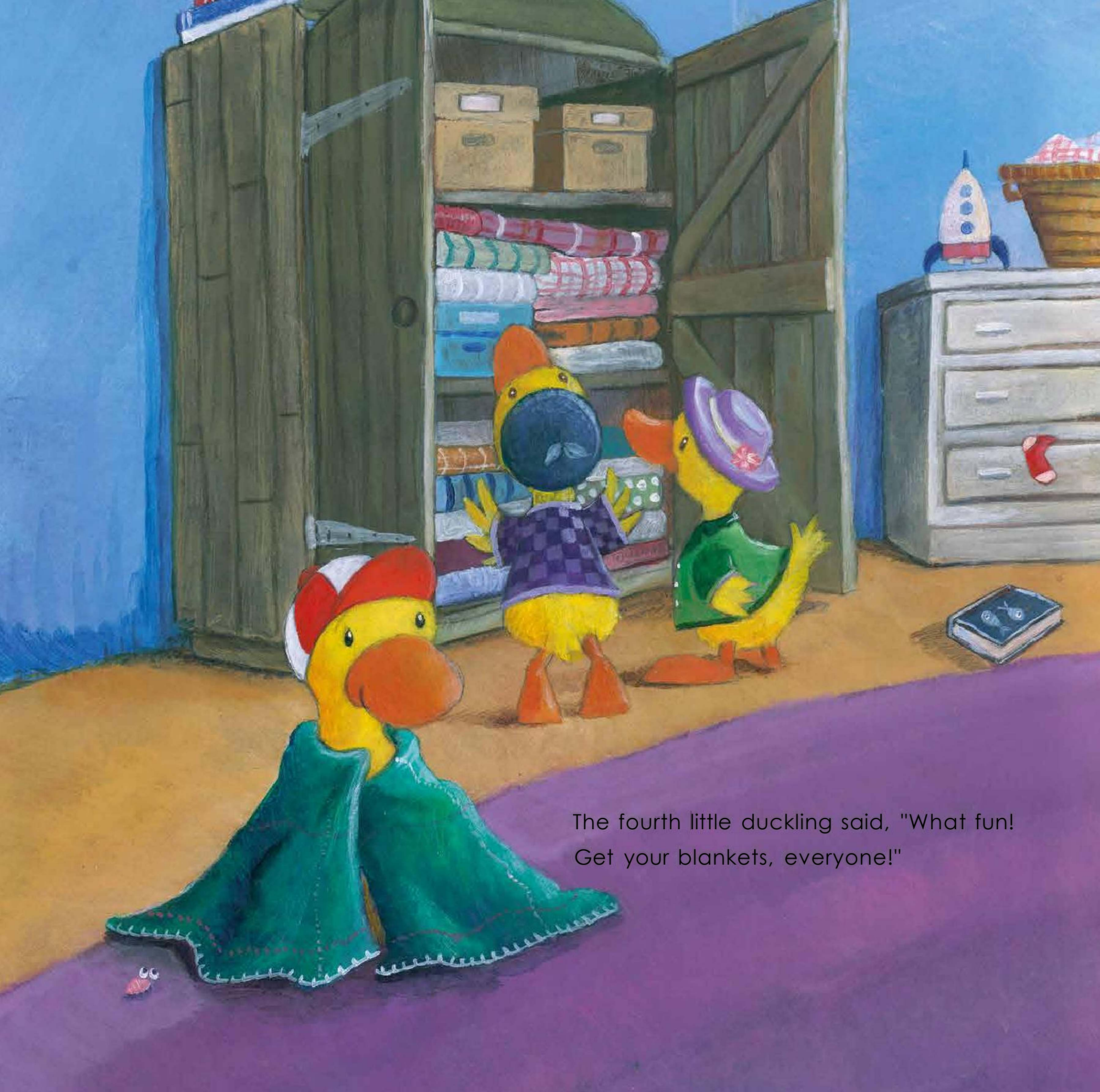




The third little duckling said, "Let's race!  
Who's the quickest to wash their face?"



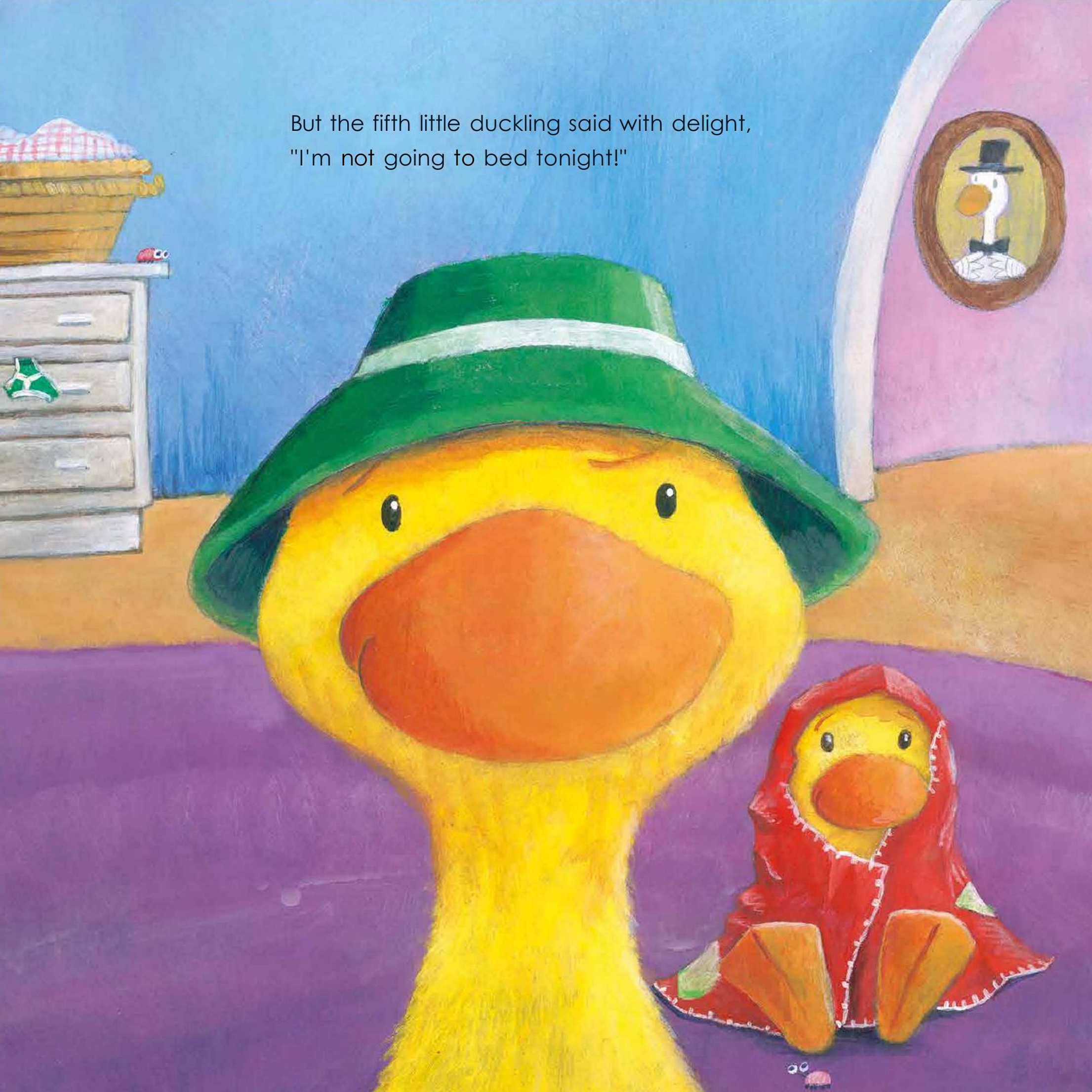




The fourth little duckling said, "What fun!  
Get your blankets, everyone!"



But the fifth little duckling said with delight,  
"I'm not going to bed tonight!"





Then the fourth little duckling said, "Oh my,  
If you're not going ... neither am I!"





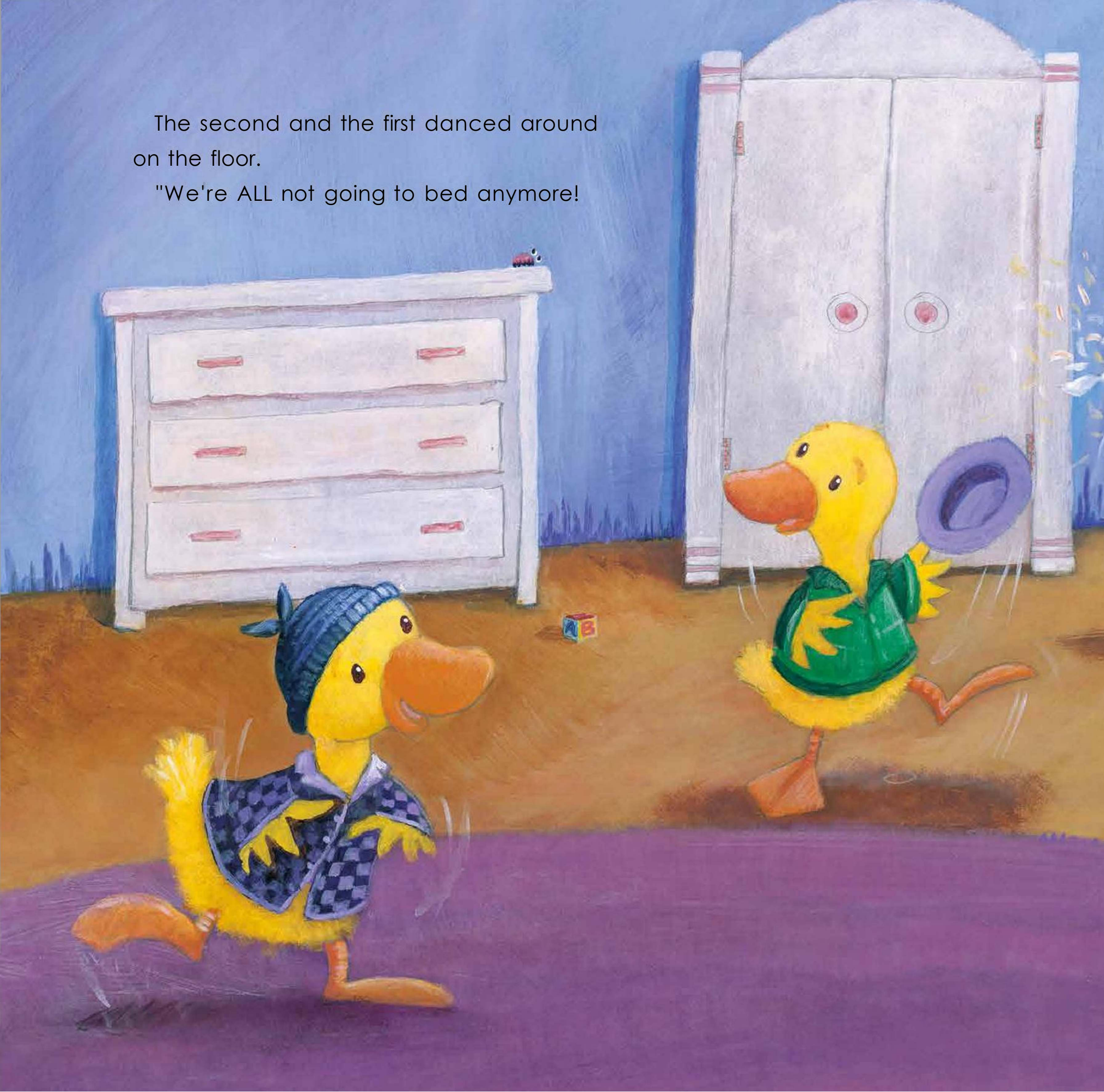
The third little duckling said, "YAHOO!  
We'll stay up all night... that's what we'll do!"





The second and the first danced around  
on the floor.

"We're ALL not going to bed anymore!"







"No bedtime for us! No sleep tonight!"  
And they all went wild with a pillow fight!





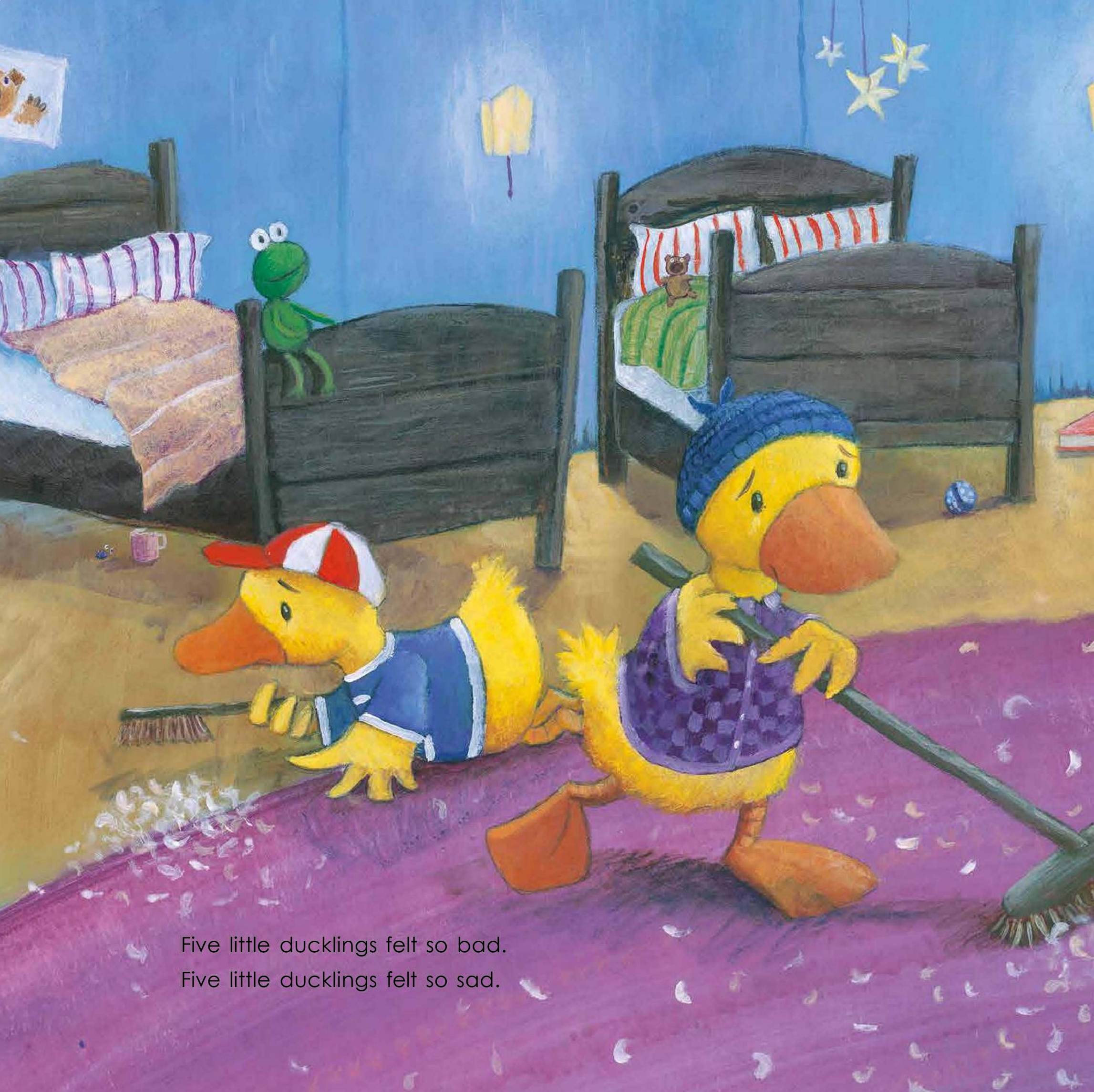


The ducklings were noisy as they could be.  
Mama duck said, "What's this I see?"



"Naughty little ducklings... what did you do?  
Naughty little ducklings... shame on you!  
Now clean up this mess!" Mama duck said.  
"You have five minutes to waddle into bed!"





Five little ducklings felt so bad.  
Five little ducklings felt so sad.









"Mama's very angry," the little ducklings cried.

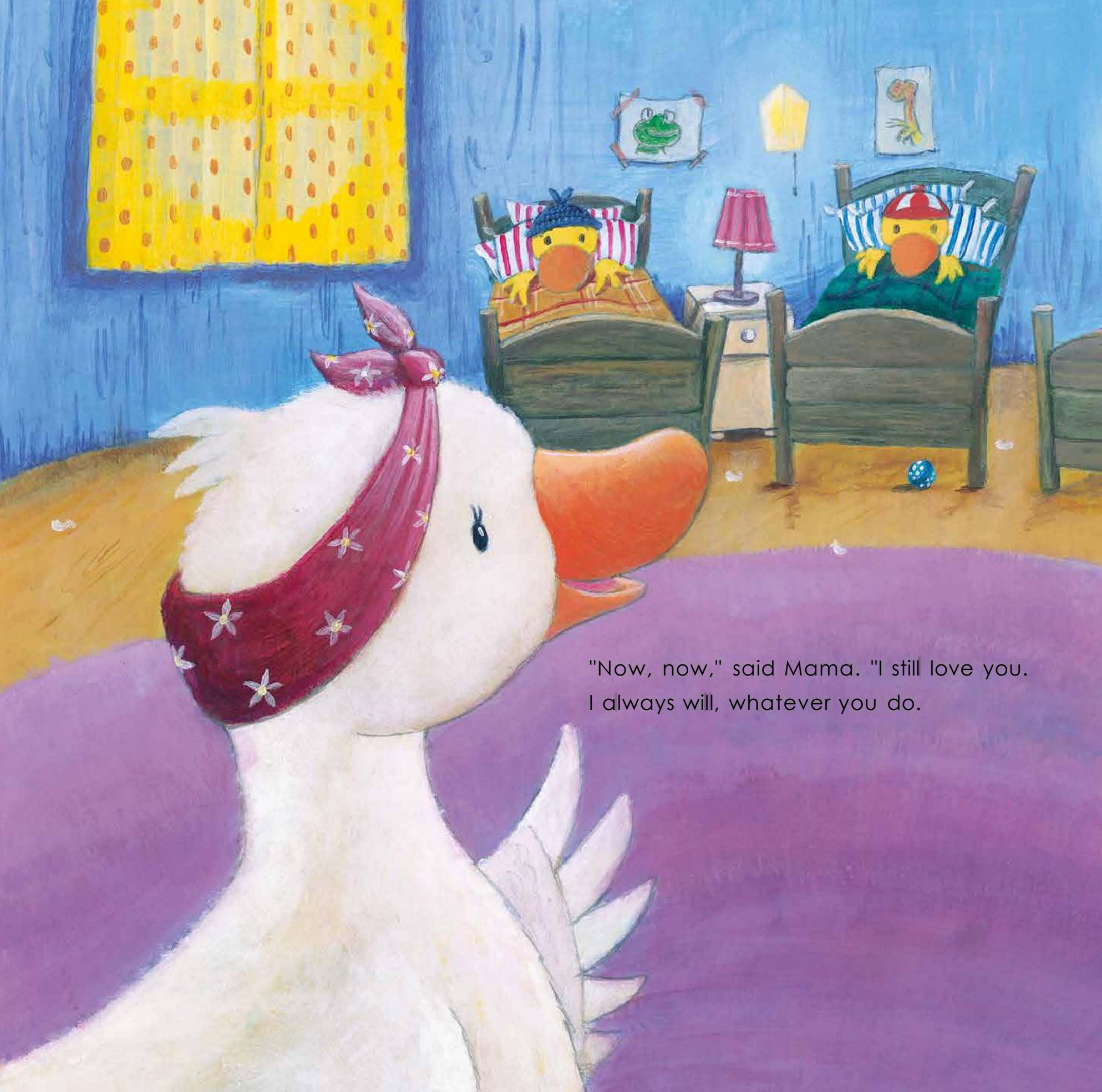




And they wept on their beds as  
they crawled inside.

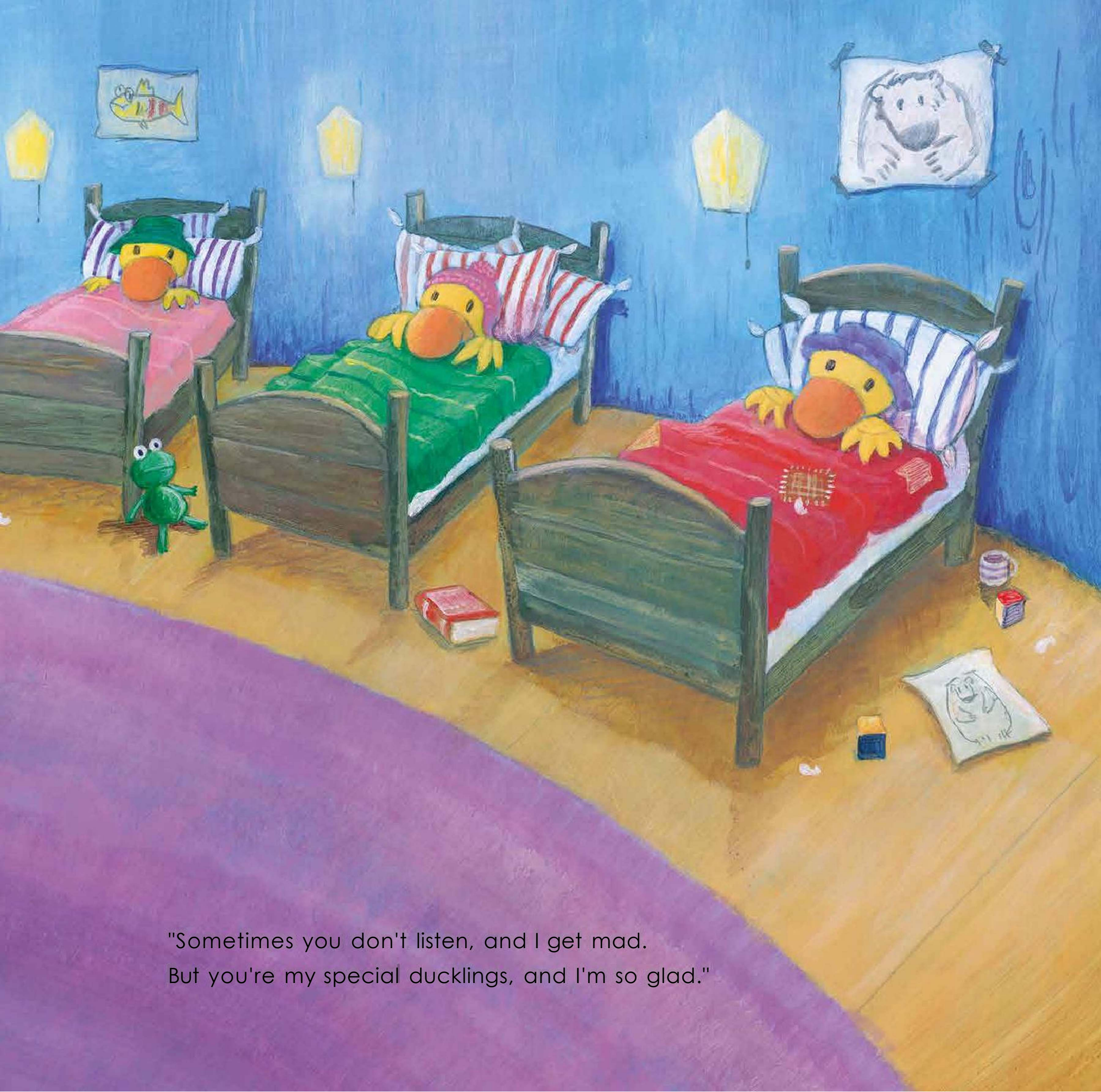






"Now, now," said Mama. "I still love you.  
I always will, whatever you do."





"Sometimes you don't listen, and I get mad.  
But you're my special ducklings, and I'm so glad."







"There's nothing you could ever do.  
That would make me stop loving you."

"We're sorry, Mama," the little ducklings said  
As she kissed them all on top of their head.









Five little ducklings hugged their mother.  
Five little ducklings hugged each other.  
Five little ducklings snuggled up tight  
And settled down for a good, good night.







### **A ducky new bedtime tale from the creators of *Where's My Mommy?***

It's bedtime for the five little ducklings. The first little duckling says, "Okay. It's been a very busy day." The second little duckling says, "Come on! Let's go and put our jammies on." But when the fifth little duckling says with delight, "I'm not going to bed tonight.. ."—the smooth-running train to bedtime is temporarily derailed. However, a little cooperation from the ducklings and a little love from Mama duck soon set things right for a happy, snuggly night.